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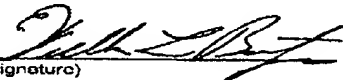
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A. Introductory Comments

Based on the above amendment and remarks to follow, reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

This amendment is responsive to the final office action dated July 3, 2003. Claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10 and 16-17, 19 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102/103 as anticipated and/or obvious over the paper and patent to Blank taken alone or in view of Hirai and Kozlov.

Claims 3, 9, 11-15 and 18 were objected to but noted allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant gratefully acknowledges the indication of allowable subject matter.

In response to the rejections the claims have been amended as set forth in the next section.